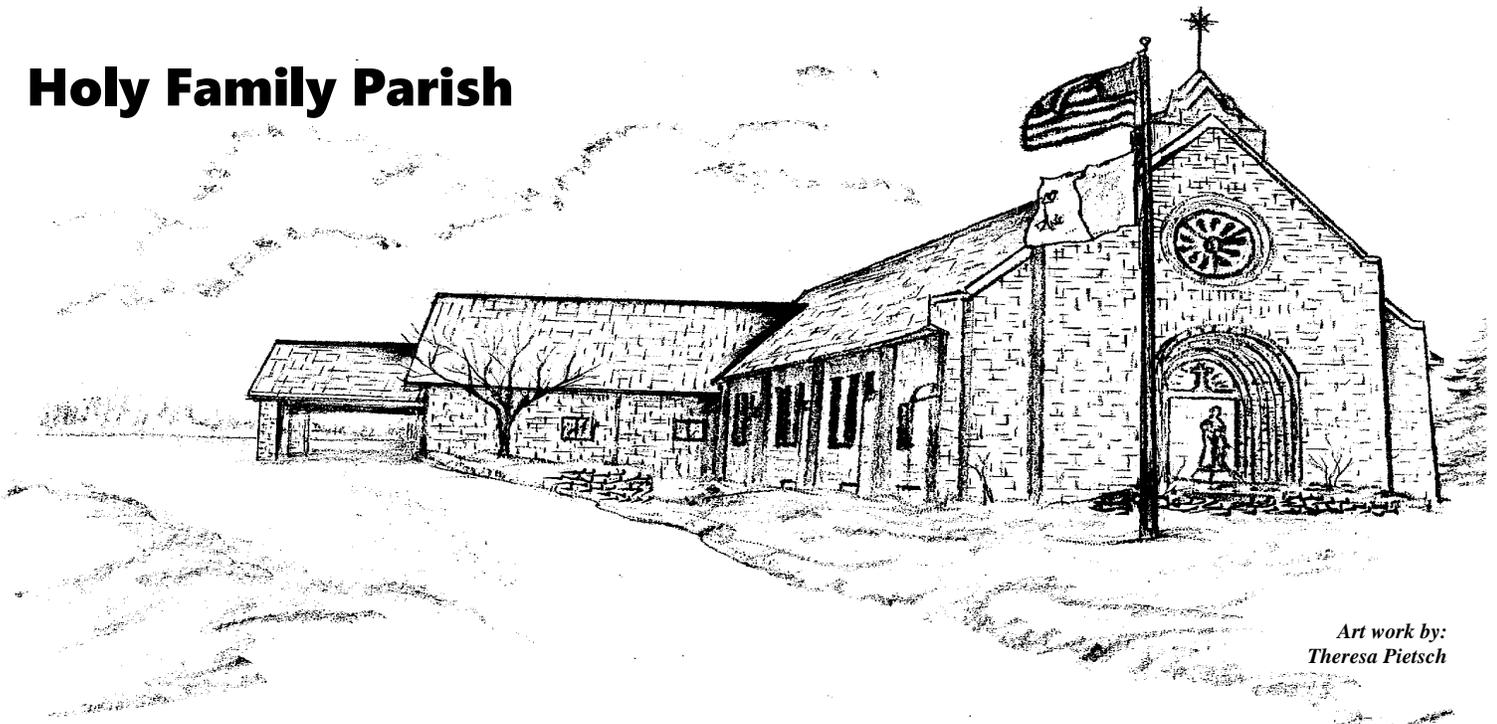


# Holy Family Parish



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## Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2020

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### Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

### REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

The basic requirement for the sacraments of First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage is that you be a practicing Catholic. One parent must be a practicing Catholic to present a child for Baptism

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please notify the pastor during the pregnancy in order to schedule sacramental instruction, if necessary.

### Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 P.M.  
7:15 am - 7:45 am and 5:15 pm – 5:45 pm  
before daily Mass or by appointment

### Sacrament of the Sick

The sacrament is for anyone you know who has any continuing or serious illness, or is having surgery and would like to celebrate this healing sacrament.

### Private Mass Schedule for May 11<sup>th</sup> thru May 17<sup>th</sup>

Monday.....Ronald Hughes  
Tuesday.....For the Sick & Troubled  
Wednesday.....John Fay  
Thursday.....Marion Sodergren  
Friday.....Cameron Delveaux  
Saturday.....Roger Boudrean, Sr. 24<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Sunday.....Walter & Rosemary Solis

## FROM YOUR PASTOR

I have continued to read the collection of essays by Father James Schall written between 1968 and 1977, the year I graduated from high school and the year I was ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. I have actually completed my reading. As I mentioned last week, the essays have a fresh timeliness despite being as decrepit as I am.

There are rumors that Bishop Doerfler will begin to permit public offering of the Mass soon, undoubtedly with pages of instructions to keep us safe. The Easter Season notwithstanding, one of Father Schall's essays which caught my attention was entitled, "On God's Jokes, Toys, and Christmas Trees." He had read an article in *Saturday Review* posing the question, "Are 'educational' toys educational?" He thinks it's the wrong question. He thinks the question should be "Are 'educational' toys really toys?" Fr. Schall mentions: "For it is the concept of a toy, of a thing made merely to be fascinating, that comes closest to touching the mystery of our strange world. . . . Indeed there is something mystical about a toy, something that touches the very spirit of the divine." Father Schall reports that "Marvin Glass is a toy designer who lived in Chicago. *The Wall Street Journal* once did a piece on his business and his attitudes. Mr. Glass said that a good toy should have these qualities: 'several children should be able to play with it at once; it should also be easy to handle, not too complicated and preferably red'. . . . Mr. Glass told the Chicago City Council: "Only God can make a safe toy." Mr. Glass also believed, probably correctly, that there was a concerted plot on the part of broadcasters and other similar public-safety types to abolish imagination, to restrict severely the advertising of fantasy on children's programmes. . . . 'Only God can make a safe toy . . .' I wonder if Mr. Glass knew that the aging Plato, as I have mentioned before, in his *Laws*, called men the plaything of God? I hope he didn't, in a way. For these curious human toys that God did make are anything but 'safe.'"

What we have been going through with the "stay at home" order and all the rest has been a prolonged attempt to keep us safe, to preserve our lives. All the "measures" that will surround a return to public Mass will attempt to make us safe. Are we forgetting that we are never completely safe? "WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE!" The human mortality rate stands fixed at 100%. Do we have an obligation to care for the bodies entrusted to us by God and care for the health and safety of one another? Yes, indeed! If this life were all there is, self-preservation and care for others' self-preservation would be the supreme law.

Return to the public offering of the Mass means a return to an encounter with Christ and access to heavenly realities. Again Father Schall: "Alexander Vetlev wrote beautifully of the meaning of the Trinity in these icons [those of André Rublëv]. He concluded:

The Communion of holy souls with God will be a communion of infinitely reciprocal love and the Trinity will be for them a super-loving unity. The mystery of the ineffable divine love, will be manifested to men only in the "future" age, in the Kingdom of the glory of God. Up to that moment, the mystery of the Holy Trinity is only given to us in "an enigma," only to the measure of the spiritual stature of grace and perfection in each one. But that much of the Holy Trinity which is communicated to us in Scripture, in the Church, and in its liturgical, pastoral and iconographic experience, is fully sufficient for our salvation.

Father Schall again: "The worship of the Father through the Son in the Spirit is the means by which we can be content that our neighbour can be left to himself in his own loves and happinesses, which shall not be ours. We must be content that God loves each person differently, that each friendship contains a mystery that cannot be public. But that is the negative side of it. The positive side, as it were, is that even the hope of fulfilment for any human friendship cannot be founded on the friendship itself but only in worship where each one is aware that the person who is our friend loves God first. In this is our peace and our humility."

The Mass and the Sacraments are the stuff which forms and completes us, but also the means by which our society, so badly damaged, is rescued as well. We have much to pray about now that we can return the presence of the Blessed Sacrament to pray! And much to pray about when we are permitted once again to offer the Mass in public!

By the way, my sinus surgery was rescheduled quite suddenly and is now set for Thursday, 21 May. I will be heading to Grand Rapids some days before in preparation for the surgery. I will make my post-operative visit to the surgeon a week after the surgery before returning home. Please keep me in your prayers, the doctor will be poking around in my head with sharp things very near my brain.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Monday**  
Acts 14:5-18  
Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday**  
Acts 14:19-28  
Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday**  
Acts 15:1-6  
Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday**  
Acts 15:7-21  
Jn 15:9-11

**Friday**  
Acts 15:22-31  
Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday**  
Acts 16:1-10  
Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday**  
Acts 8:5-8      1 Pt 3:15-18  
Jn 14:15-21

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

62 envelopes were returned for Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Adults.....	\$4,295.00
Donations.....	100.00
General Maintenance.....	53.00
Fuel.....	82.00
Roof Fund.....	50.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	115.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,695.00</b>

*Thanks very much to those of you who have sent us your contributions. You are a lifeline for the survival of the parish.*

#### God does not abandon us

God does not abandon us. Now is the time even more to gather and pray together with your family at home. Make your house a little hermitage. Set aside a prayer-corner where the family can gather for prayer and where individual family members can take turns praying in private and quiet.

**Happy  
Mother's  
Day!**

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** - The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom.

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** - You may have tangible wealth untold; Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold; Richer than I you can never be - I had a mother who read to me.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** - Who we are, who we become, is determined by those who love us.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** - You are young only once, but you can stay immature for life.

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** - Some things may come to us with rough wrappings, but there is gold inside.

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** - When God puts a burden upon you, He also puts His own arm under you.

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** - If you are being run out of town, get in front of the crowd and make it look like a parade.



Attention Senior Parents: We are planning on honoring Holy Family Church's 2020 Seniors in next weeks bulletin. We are asking that you send in a Senior photo by dropping it off at the parish office, mailing it or email it to: [secretary@holymfamilyparish.net](mailto:secretary@holymfamilyparish.net). Thank you

Nobody can prevent a priest from confessing and giving communion, nobody has the right to stop him. The sacrament must be respected. So even if it is not possible to attend Masses, the faithful can ask to be confessed and to receive Communion.

+Robert Cardinal Sarah, prefect of the  
Congregation for Divine Worship

## Here are a few resources to help you:

### Masses

Livestreaming of WNOA's radio broadcast of 10:30 a.m. (Eastern) Sunday Mass at St. Peter Cathedral:  
[wnoaradio.com](http://wnoaradio.com)

Livestreaming and on demand Vatican Masses:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxIsefyl9g9A5SGWA4FvGIA/>

Livestreaming of Masses and other content is available through EWTN on cable, streaming device channels such as Roku, Amazon Fire, and online at [ewtn.com/tv/watch-live/united-states](http://ewtn.com/tv/watch-live/united-states) . On demand streaming of Masses is available through EWTN at [video.ewtn.com/daily-mass/](http://video.ewtn.com/daily-mass/)

Livestreaming of Masses and other content is available through Relevant Radio at [relevantradio.com/faith/daily-mass-video/](http://relevantradio.com/faith/daily-mass-video/)

St. Joseph & St. Patricks Parish, Escanaba are livestreaming at  
<http://www.stjosephstpatrick.com>

St. John the Evangelist, Ishpeming  
<http://www.ishpemingcatholic.com>

All Saints Parish, Gladstone  
<http://www.allsaintsgladstone.org>

### Daily Mass readings

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Mass Readings: [usccb.org/bible/readings/](http://usccb.org/bible/readings/)

### Reflection and prayer

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), [issued a reflection and prayer](#) on Coronavirus (COVID-19): [Reflection and printable prayer card](#)

For those interested in Eucharist Adoration, visit [www.ewtn.com/catholicism/adoration](http://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/adoration) for a livestream from the EWTN Eucharistic Adoration Chapel to join in those praying before the Blessed Sacrament.



# May



## The Month of Mary

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*We will strive to imitate the Holy Family: by being a loving, welcoming, and forgiving community – fully alive in the Spirit of God; by teaching our children the Gospel way of life and encouraging them always to share fully in the life of our parish; by celebrating the Liturgy as a joyful remembrance of our Lord's Sacrifice for us; by being a family of prayer; by respecting all life, and by having our arms open always to embrace the sick and needy.*

### Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.